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Mt. Taylor Ranger District postpones start of personal woodcutting permit season

Grants, NM. May 15, 2013. Mt. Taylor District Ranger Matt Reidy announced that they are postponing the start of the personal woodcutting permit season. “We normally begin selling personal use woodcutting permits in mid-May,” said Reidy. “But, due to the continued drought and fire restrictions, we decided to delay the season,” he added.

The Mt. Taylor Ranger District is in Stage I fire restrictions. However, if the drought continues, the district may soon move into Stage II fire restrictions. “Stage II restrictions bans the use of chainsaws during the day, which would make it difficult for most people to cut wood,” Reidy said.

The woodcutting season will begin when there is enough precipitation to decrease the likelihood of human-caused wildfires. The district will issue a media release and post information on the web to announce the beginning of the season.

For more information, please call the Mt. Taylor Ranger District at 505.287.8833.

The current fire restrictions and information about woodcutting permits can be found on the Cibola’s webpage: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>